

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1 through 20 are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in this continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/931,269, and new claims 21 through 38 are presented herewith for examination. All pending claims are believed to be allowable.

### CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons readily apparent, Applicants submit that all of the claims now present are allowable.

If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this amendment, a telephone interview with the Examiner is requested by the undersigned at (214) 969-4669 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or to credit any fee overpayment relating to this matter to Deposit Account No. 01-0657.

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